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July 17, 2014

Ms. Anne Linehan, Acting Director
Administration for Children and Families
Office of Head Start
Eighth Floor Portals Building
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Ms. Linehan:

We are writing to express our support of the Los Angeles County Office of Education's grant application to expand its Early Head Start program in Los Angeles County.

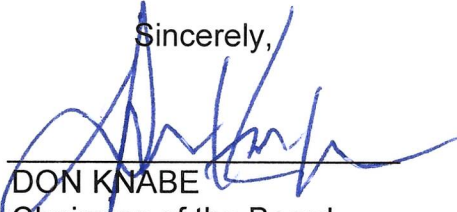

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) became a Head Start grantee in 1979 and has a long-standing history of service to young children in the County. The LACOE Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide critical education and support services to children in the foster care system, those with disabilities, and homeless families. LACOE helps thousands of children overcome barriers to academic achievement and connects them with vital community resources each year.

As a grantee, LACOE has consistently demonstrated the depth of experience to meet Head Start program and administrative requirements. Through training and technical assistance offered to staff working in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs, LACOE has produced consistent positive outcomes for children by improving the quality of teaching.

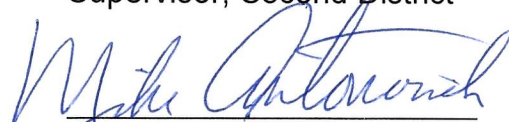
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We strongly support LACOE's grant application for this Early Head Start expansion and respectfully urge you to award these funds to provide Los Angeles County children with these critical services in our communities.

Sincerely,


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